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Attorney Docket: 008312-0280037

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, 9-14, 16, and 18 are pending. By this Amendment, the specification is amended. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-19, 21-24 and 26-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Lida et al. (EP 0 580 436 A2) in view of Murray et al. and Liz-Marzan et al. (WO 99/21934). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action 5, lines 6-7, states that there appears to be a discrepancy between the data provided in Table 2 as originally filed and Table 2 as included with the Rule 132 Declaration of Kenji Todori filed with the response June 1, 2004.

Upon review of the application, it was noted that the data listed in Table 2 for the D_{mod} of Samples 2A-2F was incorrect. The correct data was listed on: page 47, lines 5-6 for Sample 2A; page 48, lines 3-4 for Sample 2B; page 48, lines 22-23 for Sample 2C; page 50, line 7 for Sample 2D; page 51, line 16 for Sample 2E; and page 52, lines 17-18 for Sample 2F. The table with submitted June 1, 2004 correctly listed the data.

By this Amendment, a replacement sheet for Table 2 is submitted herewith. As discussed above, the changes to Table 2 are supported by the application as originally filed and no new matter is entered. Approval of the changes to Table 2 are respectfully requested.

Also enclosed is a second Rule 132 Declaration by Kenji Todori. The Rule 132 Declaration clearly establishes that optical disks including super-resolution films according to the claimed invention effectively reduce the beam diameter of the laser beam having passed through the super-resolution film, and thus increase the recording capacity of the optical disk.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-5, 7-14 and 16-18 are respectfully requested.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are allowable and the entire application is in condition for allowance.

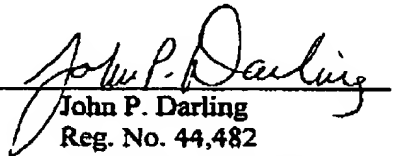
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Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Attachments:

Replacement Sheet (Table 2)
Rule 132 Declaration